

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action dated June 16, 2004 and cited references therein. In response thereto, claims 1, 3, 4, 14-16, 25, 28, 29, and 30 are amended. Claim 2 is canceled. Claims 31 and 32 are introduced as new claims.

Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at page 6, first full paragraph.

No new subject matter has been added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)

Claims 1 and 3-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by JP2001084839 (hereinafter "JP2001"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for at least the following reasons.

JP2001 discloses a film that requires an adhesive layer. The adhesive layer is attached to the surface of an electronic screen via the adhesive layer.

Applicant's invention solves the need for the use of an adhesive layer. Applicant's invention pertains to the use of a replaceable protective film that includes a roughened coating that contacts the surface of the electronic screen and includes a smooth side for contact with a stylus, wherein the protective film is slidably contacted to the surface of the electronic screen.

JP2001 does not teach or suggest a replaceable protective film, that includes a roughened coating that contacts the surface of an electronic screen and provides a smooth surface for writing and that eliminates Newton rings based on the contact between the roughened surface and the electronic screen surface. JP2001 eliminates Newton rings because the electronic screen surface is essentially coated with an adhesive coating from the applied film.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP2001084839 in view of Miyata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,745,288). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for the following reason.

Claim 2 has been canceled, thereby obviating the basis for this rejection.


Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, please contact the undersigned at 612-340-8819.

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